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HERMON-SEMINARY COMMENCEMENTS WEATHER AIDS SUCCESS OF PROGRAMS BACCALAUREATS BY SCHOOL HEADS

LARGE ATTENDANCE OF FORMER STUDENTS AND FRIENDS AT EXERCISES

Monday was commencement for Mount Hermon school and the Northfield Seminary, when from each, large classes received their diplomas, and reluctantly left their halls of learning. Happy were all faces in the hour of their achievement, of the many months of study, in the making of companionship and friends. Pleasant weather added to the attendance and success of the entire program.

At the Seminary, Monday morning in the Auditorium, 142 seniors received their coveted diplomas. The large building quickly filled as members of the faculty, trustees, and seniors marched in, each with the familiar cap and gown of college rank. It was the 56th commencement of the school.

Dr. Rufus M. Jones of Philadelphia was the commencement speaker. He spoke of "Life as a fine art" and said, "A life to be a fine art must have unity and coherence. It must have poise and serenity. The Greek ideal of life was balance or right proportion. There must be nobleness of intention, largeness of aim, independence of judgment, yet respect for the point of view of others. Art does not imitate what the eye sees as Plato thought. Art on the other hand seizes an ideal form which is imperceptible to the senses and bodies it forth as a new creation, something that never was before on sea or land. Nobody can make a great life who cannot, with imaginative dominion over experience, see the invisible. It is impossible to talk of life as a fine art until we reach the stage of development at which we possess the unique power to become in some sense the makers of ourselves. This power of self creation marks a person off completely from everything else in the universe."

"We and we alone have somehow acquired the capacity to expand life in ideal directions. We not only see what is, but we leap ahead and see what ought to be."

Graduates from this town were Lucile Bolton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bolton; Marjorie Bogue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bogue of Gill; Margaret W. Carne, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. W. Stanley Carne; S. Elizabeth Kehl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kehl; Eunice Newton, daughter of Fred Newton; Lois J. Pyper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon F. Pyper.

At Mount Hermon, also on Monday morning, in the Memorial chapel, 176 seniors received their parchments and faced anew the problems of their future. The large chapel was filled to overflowing with students and friends, and as the students and faculty members entered with cap and gown, the large organ pealed forth its musical notes. James Lee Ellwood, of New York City was the commencement speaker on "Usefulness and friendliness." He said in part: "A life that really counts is built around ideals. Like machine that is designed for some purpose or a painting that expresses something definite, so is a life expressive of an idea or ideals."

"To many life is a mere succession of events, a passing from one institution of learning, it may be, to another; graduating from this school and then a graduating from another educational institution. 'What are some ideas and ideals that I can live with?' Usefulness is a key word, a key idea, a key ideal. Each of you graduates, and the rest of us too, might well ask himself always this question, 'Wherever my path winds, am I trodding that path as a useful person?'"

The second important word today is friendliness. Again as with usefulness, it lies not within the power of all to be equally talented, but everybody can be friendly. In friendliness we can all excel. Usefulness and friendliness can make the lives of every one of us worthy of the sacrifice made by others, and adequate in a useful person."

Local students who graduated were Ernest L. Bolton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Bolton; James E.

Special Town Meeting To Consider Articles Called The Twentieth

Warrants calling for a special town meeting at the town hall, at eight o'clock have been posted in the various public places and voters of the town are urged to heed and give attention to the items to be considered. The meeting was called by the selectmen. The articles are as follows:

Article 1. To see if the town will accept Chapter 807 of the acts of 1913.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of chapter 152 of the General Laws (Tercentenary edition, and vote that the terms, laborers, workmen and mechanics, as used in section 69 to 75 inclusive shall include such other employees, except members of the police or fire departments, regardless of the nature of their work, as may be employed on town work.

Article 3. To hear the report of progress of the high school building repairs committee, and to see if the town will vote to appropriate any sum of money to install fire escapes on the said building, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Town Vote Invalid On Chapter 90 Work

State Tax Commissioner Henry F. Long, is notifying officials of all cities and towns in the commonwealth, that any vote or votes, the towns may have taken to appropriate money to meet their share of the chapter 90 highway construction for this year, is invalid, inasmuch as such votes were taken in advance of legislative action for such construction.

In other words, the state budget for this year will carry no money for chapter 90 construction, and hence, counties and municipalities, will not have to provide money for such expense.

National and racial cultures varying degrees of education, denominationalism in religion, economic differences, all these things may be divisive. We must set our faces against divisiveness.

"So I covet you some short cut in this business of freeing yourself from the tyranny of externals, and striking through to the essentials. Our Christianity not denominationalism, but a Christianity stemming from the gospels, can do more for us than anything else. In this area Jesus made no false moves. Jesus' character acted like touchstone to genuineness in others, and still may for us.

At Mount Hermon, the baccalaureate service was also held Sunday morning in Memorial chapel, with Dr. David R. Porter, the headmaster giving the address. The seniors marched in dressed in their caps and gowns as the audience, made up largely of parents and guests, rose to greet them.

The choir sang the processional hymn, "God of our Fathers." The invocation and the prayer by the pastor, Rev. Lester P. White. The anthem sung by the choir was Rachmanoff's "Triumph, Thanks-giving."

Dr. Porter taking as a central point Jesus' word, "I am the way and the truth and the life," pointed out there were three great needs in life today—direction, a purpose or goal, and an adequate dynamic for personal and social living. He said in part:

"We live in a day which for difficulty and perplexity has many points of similarity to the difficult days in which Jesus lived. As surely as in that day we may take His ideal as ours, an ideal of a world society of honest, brotherly cooperative men. His phrase for it was 'the Kingdom of God.' Perhaps we would tend to use some such phrase as the commonwealth of God. By a vast process of elimination we can now see that al other and lower ideals are inadequate for our time should have for its aim such a commonwealth of God."

The speaker quoted in conclusion the advice of Emerson, "All our strength and success depends on our borrowing the strength of the elements. That the wisdom of a man, to hitch his wagon to a star, and see his chores done by the heavenly powers."

As part of the commencement program of both schools was the production of "The Mikado" given in the Auditorium on Saturday evening to a capacity house, with hundreds turned away, except as they may have lingered and heard the music on the outside. "The Mikado" was the most successful effort, ever staged by the students. The parts were well taken and the acting merited the applause which it received. The production was directed by Melvin E. Gallagher, with the assistance of Miss Ritchie, Miss Keller and Miss Field, while the students designed the costumes. The scenery was prepared by the Seminary art department under the guidance of

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Seminary Alumnae Annual Gathering Was Huge Success

More than 400 alumnae of Northfield Seminary sat down for the annual alumnae luncheon of the school last Saturday at noon in Skinner Memorial gymnasium. The alumnae events which began with the annual meeting at 10 a.m. in Philips hall, was followed by the alumnae parade in colorful costumes starting at the flag pole and circling most of the campus. A clear sunny day added color to the variegated costumes.

Mrs. Bess Lombard Chaffin of Worcester presided at the business meeting. Among the matters that were taken up, the vote electing Miss Mira B. Wilson, principal, as a life member of the alumnae association was most important. The Bemis award for life membership given to a student of the graduating class for her merit and promise was awarded to Marjorie F. Fields, '39, of Windsor, Vt.

Election of officers was as follows: Mrs. Richard Gross, '21, Hartford, Conn., president; Mrs. Elizabeth Glasby '20, vice-president; Mrs. Everett Bradley '25, West Haven, Conn., secretary; and Mrs. Thomas R. Mercer '26, Middletown, Conn., junior director of alumnae day. Miss Helen Livingston '00, New York City, was elected the new alumnae trustee.

A corsage was presented to Miss Broad, Brookline, retiring trustee, and to Mrs. Chaffin, retiring president.

The parade was led by Jean Allen '34, Hadley, as marshal. The entire senior class was standing on the steps of the gymnasium singing as the alumnae classes paraded past the reviewing stand. In their black caps and gowns, the seniors made a fine contrast to the colorful costumes of the alumnae.

Emile Larlow Dubois '84, a member of the first graduating class received great applause as she paraded, representing her class. She lives in Plainfield, N. J. Six members of the 50th reunion class, that of 1889, followed next in the parade of honor. These were Clair Sawyer Durgin, Salem; Edith Gates, Worcester; Charlotte McMaster, Baldwinsville, N. Y.; Patty White Smith, Holyoke; Olive Shumway Upson, Westfield; and Edwina Whittemore, Storrs, Ct.

Prizes were offered for those having the largest delegation and the alumnae coming the farthest to attend. Among those coming from a distance were the following: Mary Phelps Leavens '94, California; S. Lucy Arms '88, Florida; Miss Marjorie Ware Arms '06, Illinois; Virginia Baker '38, Ohio; Mrs. Sarah Rossenbaum Meigs '14, also from Ohio; Claire Brockett '37, Tennessee; Elizabeth Chittwood '33, West Virginia; Dorothy Buck '14, Kentucky; and Miss Sarah Pyle '99, Delaware.

The engagement of Miss Lois Wilkinson, daughter of Arthur W. Wilkinson of Easton, Pa. and formerly resident of Northfield, to Second Lieutenant Hugh Aubrey Tistadt, Jr., United States Marine Corps, of Caruthersville, Mo. is announced. Miss Wilkinson was graduated from the Northfield Seminary and is a member of the class of 1941 at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Lieut. Tistadt, was graduated in this year's class from the Naval Academy at Annapolis. Before entering the academy he attended the Missouri School of Mines, Wendover, Kentucky. The special speaker was Mrs. Bertha Clark Damon '01, author of "O' Northfield Beautiful," and the new book "Grandma Called it Carnal."

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Miss Hopkins Resigns Will Go To Geneva

Miss Doris E. Hopkins, associate alumnae secretary of Northfield Seminary, resigns that post this week to accept a position with the International Labor office in Geneva, Switzerland. Before com-



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ing to Northfield in 1936, Miss Hopkins was executive secretary of the New Hampshire Y. W. C. A. John G. Winant, ex-governor of New Hampshire, is director of the International Labor office, which is in Geneva, Switzerland.

Pioneer Association To Elect Officers

The Pioneer Valley association has called a meeting of its members for Monday evening, June 19 at the Northampton Hotel, to elect a complete slate of permanent officers for the ensuing year. Since the movement was first started, A. Gordon Moody, manager of the Northfield hotel has served as temporary president and has given much of his time and interest to the success of the effort. Samuel U. Streeter has served as its temporary vice-president. There have been many meetings and much work has been accomplished. A financial campaign was put on, in the three counties of Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden under the general direction of John W. Haigis which has met with a generous response and now offices have been opened in Northampton and a secretary placed in charge. The association will publicize the valley of the Connecticut and its advantages and already has begun the work of issuing a folder to be distributed to the public. Northfield citizens made a fine response to the financial appeal.

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Summer Theatres Increase In Numbers Are Very Popular

Much space is being devoted in the public print to the establishment of summer theatre colonies, and a score now cover much of New England and the summer vacation places. There are several that are very accessible to Northfield and this vicinity and we are giving a list (not complete) with such information as we have at present. The summer theatre affords a real opportunity for enjoyment, education and relaxation and increasing numbers of our people annually include a visit to one or more. Here they are:

Brattleboro — The Playhouse, Harry L. Young, manager; Elizabeth B. Grimball and Mary Farrell, directors. Will open July 18 with "The Pursuit of Happiness" and will present series of revivals through Aug. 26.

Dorset — The Dorset Players. Paul Stephenson, director. Will open six-week season on July 21, presenting new plays and revivals. Opening bill: "Accent on Youth."

Peterborough — The Peterborough Players. Edith Bond Stearns, managing director; Fred Orin Harris, director. Will open on June 28, presenting revivals through Aug. 26. Performances given Wednesday through Saturday evenings. First bill will be "The Torch-Bearers."

East Jaffrey — Woodbound Theatre. William O. Partridge, managing director. Will open 9-week season on July 6, presenting new plays and revivals. Performances given Thursday through Saturday nights.

Stockbridge — Berkshire Playhouse. William Miles, director. Will open season on June 26. The first bill will be Ethel Barrymore in "Whiteoaks."

Gifts to the Schools

John Wells Morris, prominent Boston attorney, died recently, and among his many bequests to educational and philanthropic institutions was a \$5000 gift to the Northfield schools. Mrs. Minnie F. McDowell, widow of Dr. John McDowell, former moderator of the Presbyterian church, has established a \$2500 fund to be known as the John McDowell scholarship fund. The interest of this fund is to be applied to the aid of deserving students in Mount Hermon school.

No Minstrel Show

There was no minstrel show at the town hall, Wednesday evening. All arrangements had been made by the American Legion post here and at Millers Falls to provide an evening of real enjoyment and advertising was wide. However due to certain existing regulations in the use of the town hall by the state, the show could not be accommodated on the stage and it became necessary to make a cancellation. The American Legion officers of this town, regret the disappointment to its many friends but hope to be able to provide some other entertainment later on.

The Brotherhood

The monthly gathering of the Brotherhood of the Congregational church will be held next Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock, at the Mount Hermon school cabin on the hillside off the Bernardston road. Members are urged to attend and enjoy a pleasant time. Drink and dessert will be provided. It will be a family basket lunch meeting.

Historical Trip

The Northfield Historical society will make a visit to the Orange historical exhibit at the Weymouth place on North Main St. next Tuesday, June 20. Automobiles joining in the trip will leave Northfield center at four o'clock. The picnic supper will be at Mt. Grace reservation, in Warwick on the journey homeward. All who expect to attend, should arrange for a full car and notify Miss Maud Hamilton, secretary by Monday noon.

Strawberry Supper

At The VERNON Church

Thursday, June 22nd

5:30 to 7 p. m.

Tickets 60 cents

Promotion Exercises Held This Evening At The Town Hall

The promotion exercises of the Center school will be held this Friday evening at eight o'clock in the town hall. A most interesting program has been arranged and certificates will be presented, by Mrs. Carroll Miller of the school committee and by Principal George M. Leonard for penmanship. The invocation and benediction will be by the Rev. W. Stanley Carne. The class welcome will be by Arline Dunnell and the class poem by Anna Slaight. Essays will be by Janet Kehl, Olive Fisher, William Andrew, Alice Stevens, Marjorie Lanphear, Althea Churchill. Music will be provided by Betty Phelps, Gloria Savcheff, Glen Murray, and the Girls glee club. The marshalls for the class will be Stanley Mankowsky and Leslie Gibson. Flag bearer, Warren Hutchinson. Class officers are President, Arline Dunnell; vice-president, Sidney Given, Jr.; secretary, Gloria Savcheff; treasurer, Gordon Pratt.

The following are members of the graduating class: Barbara R. Addison, Mary Elizabeth Allen, William G. Andrew, Harold F. Bigelow, Jr., Esther E. Brassor, Althea J. Churchill, Arline Grace Dunnell, Olive Mae Fisher, Sidney H. Given, Jr., Barbara Phyllis Harris, Janet Margaret Kehl, Marjorie V. Lanphear, Enide Elizabeth Miner, Ernest Glen Murray, Gordon M. Pratt, Betty Jean Purrington, Warren Randall, Gloria Mary Savcheff, Stella Sherryba, Irving R. Scott, Barbara Jane Simmons, Anna Emeline Slaght, Ruth E. Smalley, Gilbert H. Stacy, Alice N. Stevens, Esther J. Szestowicki, Priscilla Olive Williams, Herbert J. Wng, Jr. and Florence S. Zabko. The public are cordially invited to attend.

Town Gets Money From Gas Tax Fund

The selectmen have received word from the State House authorities that this town will receive from the distribution of the \$9,600,000 gas tax fund, an amount, equivalent to \$50 per mile of highways or about \$3300. This amount is definite to all towns which share in the chapter 81 road work. There will be a further distribution to all towns, according to their valuations, but this sum is not fixed, and is to be used to reduce the taxes and offset the road expenditures already provided for. The assessors will await the definite information before they can announce the tax rate.

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TOWN TOPICS

On Wednesday afternoon the Ladies Benevolent society of the Congregational church of Troy, N. H. held their meeting at the home of Mrs. Nellie A. Handy. A business meeting, a program, and refreshments closed the society's activities until fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Channon of London, who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Pitt for the past two weeks, left for their home on Wednesday via Quebec and the St. Lawrence route.

Miss Beulah Bennett of the Youth Hostel who spent the past weekend at her home in Bridgeport, Conn., was detained a few days by illness.

Dr. Elliott W. Brown occupied the pulpit of the Metcalf Memorial chapel at Warwick last Sunday morning.

Miss Marjorie Bogue of Gill, Miss Lois Pyper of Mount Hermon and Miss Lucille Bolton of Northfield, accompanied by Mrs. Bogue are at Wardsboro, Vt. at a camp for the week.

Rev. Lester A. White of Mount Hermon gave the address at the graduation exercises of the Gill schools, Wednesday evening.

Arnold Holton of Maple street is at the Franklin county hospital with a fractured hip, sustained in a fall while leading his horse from the barn at his home recently.

What is said to be the most pleasing picture in which Deanna Durbin has ever appeared, Universal's "Smart Girls Grow Up" is scheduled to open Sunday at the Latchis Memorial theatre, at Brattleboro, where it will play four days.

A local motorist badly damaged his car, when it skidded on the Gill road Tuesday night of this week, turned over and smashed into a tree. No one was injured.

The heavy downpour of rain, Tuesday night was indeed welcome, as it served well the parched ground.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ropes and family of Miami, Fla. are occupying their cottage on Rustic Ridge for the summer.

Dr. Edward Kaye of Mount Hermon has gone to Irvington, N. J. where he will spend the summer.

The Vernon church plans one of their fine strawberry suppers in the vestry of the church on Thursday evening, June 22.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Davis of Watertown, former residents of Rustic Ridge spent few days with Mrs. LaBella recently.

Warren Compton of Cambridge was at his cottage on the Ridge recently and made many improvements to the same in preparation for the summer occupancy.

Miss Pauline Moor of Boston is spending the week with her mother at her home on Birnam road.

Paul Davis, son of Mrs. Margaret Davis of this town graduated from Cushing Academy at Ashburnham on Monday. He was also awarded his letter and numeral in tennis for 1939.

The Eastern States Exposition dates for the big show are from Sept. 17 to 23 inclusive.

Calvin Field, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Field, has returned home from his studies at Purdue university.

Thomas G. Parker, is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Parker from Governor Dummer academy. He graduated last Friday.

James Bolton, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bolton has returned to his home after his first year at Temple university in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Harry L. Mahoney and daughter of Akron, Ohio is making a visit at the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Ellis E. Jones.

A picture of the new officers of the student group of Mount Holyoke college appeared in the New York Times of last Sunday and included a likeness of Miss Mary Jane Purrington of this town, who will head the "Fellowships of Faith" at the college, where she is a student.

The executive committee of the Franklin county chapter American Red Cross will meet this Friday morning at the Franklin County Trust Co. directors room, to consider some important matters.

Donald Sutherland has returned from his studies at Wesleyan at Bucannon, W. Va. and is now employed at the Seminary for the summer.

Dr. and Mrs. Allen H. Wright have returned from their trip to the west coast and the San Fran-

isco Fair. They report a most enjoyable vacation and now their friends will be quite anxious to hear all about their experiences. The Doctor is keeping his regular office hours for patients.

Postmasters Skilton and Quinlan attended the dinner given to Postmaster John B. Kennedy, Thursday evening of last week by his friends in honor of his 62nd birthday. The dinner was at the Mansion House in Greenfield with John W. Haigis as toastmaster.

Miss Edith Welch of New York City and her friend Miss Sheldon of Arlington, Vt. spent last week at their cottage on Rustic Ridge making added improvements to their property. They will occupy this summer.

James Krause, son of E. S. Krause of Main street, graduated from the Winchester, N. H. high school on Monday. He makes his home with Rev. and Mrs. Carl of town but plans to go to Boston to attend school in the fall.

Mrs. Louise LaBella has several boxes of good school and college text books which she wishes to dispose of. They are in good condition and any school or person who could use them may have them without cost for immediate removal.

The Victoria theatre in Greenfield has closed for the summer season, which explains the absence of their advertisement in our issue.

The engagement is announced of Miss Martha Surface, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Frank Surface of New York to Lincoln Barnes of Amherst, a nephew of Mrs. Louise Barnes LaBella.

Mrs. Jennie McNair and son, Frank, of Shanghai, China were guests of Mrs. LaBella on the Ridge during commencement at the Seminary. Miss Deborah S. McNair, a daughter, graduated, and will enter Barnard this fall.

Chandler Holton, who has been teaching at Georgia Tech, has returned to the home of his parents, Selectman and Mrs. Fred A. Holton for the summer.

Senior high school class graduation will be in the town hall Friday evening, June 23. The complete program will be published in next week's Press.

Mrs. William R. Moody entertained as guests during commencement at the Seminary, Mrs. Charles E. Dickerson, Sr. of Oldwick, N. J. Mrs. Alice Clark Barn-

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Chancellors Maid 390705. The Northfield hotel has purchased a Guernsey cow from Charles A. Williams, Maydays Charm 485463.

Miss Susanna Wilder, who has been studying at Smith college will spend the summer with her parents at their home on Main street.

Miss June Wright, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Allen H. Wright, a former teacher at Center school, who has been studying at Boston university, received her degree of Bachelor of science at the school of education on Monday morning. She has not announced her plans for the future.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Olhland of Bayside, L. I. who recently purchased Rose cottage on Rustic Ridge, are spending some time here, making improvements to the summer home.

The "Gateway", the yearbook for the Mount Hermon class of 1939, is dedicated to the Rev. Lester P. White '20, who is leaving with his family, to take up his duties as pastor of the Methodist church at Cutchogue, L. I. He has been pastor for nine years of the Mount Hermon church.

The chairman of the Northfield schools board of trustees, John L. Grandin of Boston, presented the graduates of the Seminary their diplomas at the commencement.

I want reservations for a trip round the world.
Yes, Sir. One way.

Henry's wife: Dear, did you notice that Mrs. Blank had another new hat?

Henry (dramatically): Yes, darling, but if she were as attractive as you are she wouldn't have to depend so much on millinery.

Wife (at breakfast): I want to do some shopping today, George, if the weather is favorable. What does the paper forecast say?

Husband (consulting paper): Rain, hail, sleet, thunder, lightning, snow and fierce winds.

Servant: The doctor's here, sir. Absent-minded Prof.: I can't see him. Tell him I'm sick.

My son wants to be an auto racer. What shall I do? Don't stand in his way.

Uncle George: So this is the baby, eh? I used to look just like him at that age. What's he crying about now?

Little Niece: Oh, Uncle George he heard what you said.

Dick: I say, Jim, what is the Order of the Bath?

Jim: Well, as I have experienced it first, the water's too hot; then it's too cold; then you're short a towel; then you slip on the soap; and, finally the telephone rings.

Your wife needs a change. Salt air will cure her.

The next time the physician called he found the Scotchman sitting by the bedside fanning his wife with a herring.

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COMMENCEMENTS

(continued from page one)

Miss MacBrayne. However to Thomas Donovan of Mount Hermon must be awarded the appreciation of its fine presentation, for it was he, who adapted the version, rewrote it and staged the performance.

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On Sunday evening at Sage Chapel, following an hour of music, the beautiful lantern service climaxed a full day of events when the class of 1939 lighted their lanterns and filed out of Chapel to form their numerals in the presence of hundreds of friends, parents and schoolmates. After singing "Follow the Gleam" the seniors marched near the top of Chapel hill and there presented the lanterns to the expectant juniors who then formed their class numerals amid the songs and cheers of all.

A feature of the graduation exercises was the presentation of a diploma to Miss Harriett A. Broad of Brookline, who has been a trustee of the schools for the past six years. While she was a student during the years 1886 to 1891 she was unable to finish her course on account of illness. Because of her loyalty and unceasing efforts in behalf of her Alma Mater, the faculty and the board of trustees voted to give her a diploma with the class of 1939.

The Scott prizes in writing were awarded to Lucille Fuller of Sharon and Mary Newcomb of Newtonville. The Shaffer prizes in Bible went to Margaret Colvin of New York City, first prize, and Marihelen Sherman of Flushing, L. I., honorable mention. The domestic work prize was won by Helen Olsen of Queens Village, N. Y.

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Colvin. The Mary E. Barnard memorial scholarship, which pays expenses for one girl at the girls conference this summer at Northfield, was won by Constance Gifford of Tabriz, Iran, daughter of missionaries in Iran.

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Following the last chapel service at the Seminary Miss Wilson announced the following award of prizes to the girls who have been outstanding in scholarship and in student activities during the past year.

The Mary Eleanor Fry prize, a cash award, was given to Mary Adelaide Wright, whose parents are missionaries in India.

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SOUTH VERNON

(West Northfield)

Class day exercises and awarding of prizes at Mount Hermon was held on Saturday on West Hall lawn. John I. Vandewater, president of the class presided. Howard P. Baker, salutatorian, was the first speaker. The class prophecy was read by Erwin T. Liefield, Francis R. McGregor, and Arthur Taylor. Howard Messer read the class will, and Shelton McLeod the class poem. The president's address was by John "Dutch" Vandewater, and the valedictory was by Chester A. Hargreaves, Jr.

An hour of music was enjoyed in Mount Hermon Memorial Chapel Sunday evening under the direction of Carlton W. L'Hommedieu, organist. Others participating were Philip A. Mangano, violin, and Paul S. Ivory, violoncello.

At the faculty reception at Ford cottage at Mount Hermon, Sunday afternoon those who received were Dr. and Mrs. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. John Bassette, class teachers; and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Jackson, director of scholarship. There were ten juniors who ushered, with Joseph Schwanda, president of the class, as head usher. The class honorary teachers assisted in the ushering. Refreshments were served to all.

At the Hermon commencement James N. Williams, Jr., chairman of this year's Student Council, delivered the traditional spade oration. This custom symbolizes the work hour. Each junior class accepts on graduation day the spade, attaches its class colors to the handle in the form of a ribbon, and then on the next commencement day passes that spade on to the oncoming senior class. Joseph Schwanda, representing the class of 1940, accepted the spade.

STUDENTS AID

A successful annual meeting of the Students Aid society of Northfield Seminary was held last Sunday afternoon. Mrs. A. G. Moody presented the secretary's report and Mrs. E. M. Powell the treasurer's report. Mrs. Damon, author of "Grandma Called it Caral," was present and spoke, revealing the fact that she was assisted by the Students Aid society while she was at the Seminary. She submitted \$100 to make her sister a life member. She was also a student at the Seminary. Over \$184 was contributed for the society without solicitation. Appeals for aid, far exceed the funds at the disposal of the society.

SMILE YOU SMILE

Two Negro roustabouts at New Orleans were continually bragging about their ability as long-distance swimmers; so a steamboat man got up a match. The man who swam the longer distance was to receive \$25.

The Alabama Whale immediately stripped on the dock, but the Human Steamboat said he had some business and would return in a few minutes. The Whale swam the river four times for exercise, and by that time the Human Steamboat returned. He wore a pair of swimming trunks and had a sheet-iron cook stove strapped on his back. Tied around his neck were a dozen packages containing bread, flour, bacon, and other eatables. The Whale gazed at his opponent in amazement.

"Whar yo' vittles?" demanded the Human Steamboat.

"Vittles fo' what?" asked the Alabama Whale.

"Don't yo' ask me fo' nothin' on the way ovah," warned the Steamboat. "Mah furst stop is New York an' mah next stop is London." —Christian Science Monitor.

They Filled Offices

At The OES Meeting

At the Matrons and Patrons evening at the meeting of the Northfield chapter Order of the Eastern Star held last week at the Masonic hall was a large list of guests from various chapters who filled the chairs for the session, all being past Matrons and past Patrons of the order. Unfortunately we did not have the list in time to publish in our article last week, and we are gladly giving it prominence now. The following served as the officers: Edith I. Paige, worthy matron, and Olive C. Roberts, worthy patron, both of Unity chapter, Amherst; Florence Z. Carl of Electa chapter, Winchester, N. H., associate matron; John A. Ross of Arcana chapter, Greenfield, associate patron; Mary Hawksley of Joll Hayden chapter, Haydenville, secretary; Margaret Starbuck, of Turners Falls chapter, treasurer; Ruth S. Forbes of Arcana chapter.

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Twenty-five Years Old
South Vernon RFD

The Rural Free Delivery of South Vernon was established twenty-five years ago on June 1. Henry M. Yerrington was the first carrier. When started, it covered 8.4 miles but now extended into New Haven, covers 21.5 miles and serves about 160 families.

Mr. Yerrington retired about 10 years ago, and Elmer Scherlin was appointed temporary carrier. There was some consideration at one time of closing the post office and serving the patrons from Northfield. When it was finally decided to continue it, an examination was held, and Richard Steenbruggen, the present carrier, was appointed.

The postmaster 25 years ago was E. B. Buffum, who served until his death, when he was succeeded by his son, H. E. Buffum. When he passed away, Lyle Amsden became temporary, and later permanent postmaster.

When Mr. Yerrington first had a car, roads were not kept open so well in winter as they are now, and he made his rounds with a snowmobile, constructed by placing runners on the front of the automobile. When it was impossible to get up the mountain road, all first class mail had to be carried personally to the distribution center of boxes.

At present, roads are kept open all the year, and it is only occasionally, immediately after a severe snowstorm, that the entire route cannot be covered by automobile.

CHURCH SERVICES

TRINITARIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 10; Preaching service at 11, sermon subject, "God Revealed." Sunday school at the Farms at 2:30, followed by worship service; Service at the Barber District schoolhouse; At 7, Christian Endeavor meeting; At 8, preaching service at the vestry.

Tuesday at 6:30, monthly meeting of the Brotherhood.

Wednesday, annual Sunday school and Brotherhood picnic at Packard Heights.

Thursday at 7:30, weekly prayer service at the vestry.

June 25, Children's Sunday service.

July 2 to 14, Daily vacation Bible school.

July 17, Wheaton quintet will give a sacred concert.

Our church will unite with the conferences for summer services.

UNITARIAN CHURCH

Sunday, 10:45, church worship. The service will center about the subject, "Childhood the Measure of our Age and Civilization."

There will be a service of the dedication of children at 11 o'clock.

Miss Virginia Powell is at home from her studies at Mt. Holyoke college and is employed at the Bookstore.

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Friday, June 16, 1939

EDITORIAL

Paramount pictures will use all
newspapers for advertising during
the coming year beginning
Sept. 1 for their showings in the
various theatres. Their publicity
director, Mr. Gulian, finds after
a careful checkup that newspapers
provide the best medium of ad-
vertising. National advertising is
increasing and the Press has now
several signed contracts for space
with others pending. However
there are some good folks in our
town who are so backward as not
to appreciate the value of regular
and consistent advertising.

The one room school house is
rapidly passing from the scene of
American education and is being
replaced by the consolidated
school and the motor transportation
of pupils. In New England
only 3640 of the 8784 school
buildings were of the one room
type. In North Carolina, Ohio,
Texas, Indiana and Alabama, is
transported the largest number
of children. The one room school
is a handicap to its students. They
miss and lack that which the con-
solidated school affords in per-
sonal training and advantages
which only becomes evident as
the child passes into maturity.
There was a time when the one
room school was the best to be
afforded, but that time has gone
bye. We are in an era of progress
and achievement and even North-
field must wake up and get in step
with this program.

Know Massachusetts

Compiled by
State Planning Board

Do you know that over 10,000,
000 tons gross of shipping pass
through the Cape Cod Canal an-
nually . . . The State Teachers
college in Westfield, established
in 1844, is the second oldest in-
stitution of its kind in the state . . .
In 1937 wage earners in the
bread and bakery industry in
Massachusetts received over 16
million dollars in wages . . . Phillips-
Andover academy for boys in
Reading is the oldest incorporated
school of its kind in the United
States . . . The first school sup-
ply house in the United States

was established in Boston in 1863 . . .
Wellesley was at one time the
vast Welles estate from which
it received its name and was in-
corporated in 1881 . . . Haverhill
was the birthplace of John Green-
leaf Whittier . . . The Greek Or-
thodox church in Lowell, estab-
lished in 1907, was the first of its
denomination in America . . .

Loss by fire in Boston at present
is approximately \$2,000,000 an-
nually . . . Boston is 319 miles
nearer Buenos Aires than New
Orleans, La. . . In 1938 there
were 6912 children enrolled in
Massachusetts State-supported
hospitals for crippled children . . .
Massachusetts had no cases of
rabies in humans in 1938 and
cases in animals dropped to an all-
time low, 56 being reported as
against 211 reported in 1937 . . .
Speakers at the National confer-
ence on planning, recently held
in Boston, came from seventeen
different states, and even from
England.

The Back Yard Gardener

Here's a beginning on those
flower garden diseases, but first
let me remind you of aphids. I
found them about three deep on
the new shoots of my spirea and
mock orange. However, after a
good Saturday night bath of nicotine
sulfate they—well—they just
ain't more. But I noticed some
eggs which should be ready to
hatch in a few days, so I'll be
on the look out because those
pesky things can certainly ruin a
shrub in short time.

The first disease I'd like to
mention is aster yellows. When
infected, the plant grows slowly
but remains stunted, becomes
thickly branched and bushy,
leaves are yellow, sometimes
distorted, and grow upright. Blooms,
if any, are likely to be greenish
in color and abnormal in shape.
Control. It is spread in the
spring by the aster leafhopper, so
control the leafhopper by spray-
ing weekly until bloom with Bor-
deaux or by dusting or spraying
at weekly intervals with pyre-
thrum, rotenone, or nicotine pre-
parations.

Iris soft rot or rhizome rot.
This disease is closely associated
with and practically dependent
upon borer injury for its attack
and damage. The first evidence
of the disease is a wilting or dying
back from the tips of one or more
leaves. There is a soft decay at
the base of the leaf, also on the
rhizome itself. Entrance of the
rot is made possible only through
injury, mostly injury from the
borer.

Practice strict garden sanitation
by cutting off and burning
the tops each fall and when di-
viding the rhizomes cut away the
rotted portions and wash the re-
mainder thoroughly in a solution
of mercuric chloride, 8 tablets in
one gallon of water before re-
planting. Also change the location
of the bed. Of course the idea of
garden sanitation applies to all
diseases and pests. Perfect clean-
up of old leaves during the sum-

mer and fall and spring is neces-
sary and of course changing the
location of the bed is another step
that is very important.

Lilac leaf and twig blights.
There are three different kinds of
these diseases which commonly at-
tack lilacs. They very closely re-
semble each other in appearance
and nature of injury. They cause
brown or black spots on the leaves
and they girdle the young twigs,
causing the shoots to turn back and die. Control is to cut
out and destroy the diseased twigs
as soon as they are noticed. Prune
to prevent dense growth of top
and sprouts. Where disease has
been injurious for year after year
spray the plants two or three
times in the spring at 8 to 10 day
intervals with Bordeaux mixture
4-5-6. However, the first applica-
tion should be made when the
earliest leaves are unfolded.

Powdery mildew. This disease is
easily recognized by the grayish
white powdery spots or extensive
areas on either surface of the
leaf and on young buds and
branches. It attacks a great many
vegetables, trees, shrubs, and
flowers. When it first appears dust
the plants two or four times at
5 to 7 day intervals with dusting
sulfur. Avoid dense shaded and
poorly ventilated plantings of sus-
ceptible plants and avoid working
in the garden when the plants are
wet.

Rusts of snapdragons, asters, and
roses. This disease causes numer-
ous brown or orange col-
ored dusty masses on the leaves.
In some cases causing them to
turn yellow and drop. It also at-
tacks other parts of the plants.

The main control measure is to
apply Bordeaux spray or sulfur
dust at weekly intervals until
bloom.

PUBLIC FORUM

To the Editor:

Today is Flag Day. Saturday is
Bunker Hill Day. These are mem-
orable days in the founding of our
country. Are the same ideals
of our forefathers animating us
today, especially in our relations
to China, which is fighting hard
to preserve its independence? The
record to date shows that the
United States is arming Japan,
which, in turn, is doing all in its
power to destroy all semblance
of independence in China.

"Japan's" slaughter of non-
combatant civilians in the present
invasion of China outrages every
dictate of humanity; her disregard
of solemn treaty obligations
—freely negotiated and freely
signed—threatens to destroy val-
uable American rights and inter-
ests; yet the United States, by
permitting the shipment of essen-
tial raw materials, is aiding Japan
in her present crimes."

There are two bills before Con-
gress, S. J. Res. 123 introduced
by Senator Pittman and H. R.
4532 introduced by Repre-
sentative Coffee. Both of these two
resolutions are aimed at stopping
all shipments to Japan of materi-
als of utility in warfare.

Write to Senator David I. Walsh
and Senator Henry Cabot Lodge,
as well as Congressman Tread-
way, or whoever your Senator and
Congressman may be, advising
them of your sentiments in favor
of these bills.

Such men as the following are
urging action of this kind at
once: Hon. A. Lawrence Lowell,
formerly president of Harvard, Dr.
Robert E. Speer, Bishop H. K.
Sherrill, Dr. A. L. Kinsolving,
Bishop H. Welch, Mrs. W. L.
Boyden.

Respectfully
Harry A. Erickson
Mount Hermon, June 14

New Hermon Teacher

Alexander D. Gibson, a gradu-
ate of Mount Hermon, class of
1920, is to take up his duties as
head of the foreign language de-
partment of Mount Hermon
school and as teacher of French
next September.

After his graduation from
Dartmouth in 1924, Mr. Gibson
taught French at the Horace
Mann school in New York. He also
has traveled in France and has
his M. A. from Columbia. At
present he is teaching at the
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Philadelphia. He, together with
Mrs. Gibson and their two children
will arrive late this summer.

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